

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of page 1, under the heading "RELATED APPLICATIONS," as follows:

The present invention is related to the subject matter of the following commonly assigned, copending United States patent applications: serial no. 10/675,624 ~~09/~~ (Attorney Docket No. RPS920030115US2) entitled "Method and System for Restricting DHCP Servers" and filed September 30, 2003. The content of the above-referenced application is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

[0023] It should be understood that at least some aspects of the present invention may alternatively be implemented in a program product. Programs defining functions on the present invention can be delivered to a data storage system or a computer system via a computer program product, residing on any of a variety of [[signal-bearing media]] computer usable media, which include, without limitation, non-writable storage media (e.g., CD-ROM), writable storage media (e.g., a floppy diskette, hard disk drive, read/write CD ROM, optical media), and communication media, such as computer and telephone networks including Ethernet. It should be understood, therefore in such [[signal-bearing media]] computer usable media when carrying or encoding computer readable instructions that direct method functions in the present invention, represent alternative embodiments of the present invention. Further, it is understood that the present invention may be implemented by a system having means in the form of hardware, software, or a combination of software and hardware as described herein or their equivalent.